

## IN MEMORIAM.

Rt. Rev. Thomas Duperon, O. S. B., Abbot of the Sacred Heart (Okla. Ter.) died in Paris, France, December 7th. He was on his way to his native country, where the physicians had sent him for the recovery of his health.

Abbot Thomas Duperon was but 55 years of age, born October 29th, 1842, at Ascaïn, (B. Pyrenees, France). He entered the seminary at Bayonne, in 1864, and was ordained June 6th, 1868. He began his priestly career as a missionary of the Diocese, where he labored successfully up to 1870, when he became a chaplain of the army during the Franco-German war. Feeling a call to religious life, he joined the Benedictine Order, of Pierre-qui-Vire, (France,) where he filled the important office of Master of Novices for nearly ten years. The expulsion of the religious orders from that country in 1880, brought him to Ireland, where he conducted his little flock for two years, until he was appointed Prior at Buckfast Abbey, (Eng.,) 1882. From

that place he was sent to America as superior of Sacred Heart Mission, (Ind. Ter.,) to succeed in that capacity Rev. Father Isidore Robbot.

Elected Prior in 1891, and Abbot in 1896, he was solemnly consecrated as such November 11th, of the same year.

He held the high dignity for only twelve months, when death overtook him, but did not find him unprepared.

Few men were more loved, more respected than good Abbot Thomas. His great heart, his lofty character, and gentle manners, had brought him a host of friends. All who knew him will sincerely lament his premature death.

The community of Sacred Heart loses in him a true Father, the Church a saintly and devoted priest, and the Order of St. Benedict one of her best and most faithful sons.

May the Divine Master, whom he served and loved so well, reward the virtues and noble deeds of this truly good man.

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## PUEBLO HOUSE BUILDING.

The man who builds a home, be he white or red, appears to be the special target of all kinds of trouble and annoyance; but in the latter case, that is to the red man, there are certain requirements which make the task even more onerous, while on the other hand, there are compensating advantages. The Pueblo tribes of Arizona and New Mexico alone of all the Indians, build permanent stone houses quite equal to those of white settlers in that country, and they have developed a peculiar system of building of their own, which is of interest to every house builder.

The Pueblo Indians now number about ten thousand souls, living in thirty villages, principally along the Rio Grande in New Mexico, and several distinct languages are found among

them, but their house structures are essentially the same throughout. The largest of the villages, the Pueblo of Zuni, which has a population of sixteen hundred, has been often visited, and the seven villages of the Moki, in northern Arizona, are also becoming known through the periodical performance there of the celebrated snake dance. Both of these groups have been studied for some years by the assistants of the Bureau of Ethnology, and the results of their work are now being published.

The houses of these people consist of groups of rectangular rooms, built of selected stone, or in recent years of an adobe brick dried in the sun but not baked. The rooms are arranged in connecting rows or clusters. Some of the